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Dear Paul E. Stacy
DEP, Department of Water Protection and Land Reuse

As a resident of Yalesville Ct. I support the Stream Flow Regulations, we need to balance human needs with wildlife needs. I live along the Quinnipiac River and have canoed it many times from Southington to Meriden and once to Wallingford. Having grown up in Yalesville I have watched the river steadily improve over the years, thanks to DEP regulations, the QRWA and other concerned citizens.

I strongly DISAGREE with classifying any river, stream or other body of water as a class 4 - to condemn any river or tributaries is not acceptable.

With growing populations creating greater demand on water supplies it seems irresponsible to condemn any water body for today - if we need this water supply tomorrow it will take longer and be a lot more costly to save the Class 4 rivers later. Lets not dig a hole today for it will be harder to dig our way out tomorrow.

We have heard that water will be more valuable than oil in the future, lets continue moving forward today in protecting all our waters.

The wildlife in the Quinnipiac River has grown since the polluting has been slowed or stopped. We almost lost this river in years past because we didn't know or care what was dumped into it - the Quinnipiac survived in spite of mankind (with help) - we should be ashamed of ourselves if we were to turn our back on her again.

You already know the long list of wildlife depending on the Quinnipiac and its tributaries.

DO AWAY WITH THE PROPOSED CLASS 4

If all waters are protected just maybe we can balance mankind with nature. These new regulations will help mankind to conserve our precious water, putting a price tag on over use is a great way to promote conservation.

The ground waters need to be regulated as well as surface waters - it's all for our own well being. Don't wait until it's too late. Please do the right thing.

Thank-you

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric Eichorn".

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